

HOUSE BILL 1832

By Carr J

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 50; Title 59; Title 66; Title 67; Title 68; Title 69
and Title 70, relative to coal.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. On or before January 1, 2015, the commissioner of environment and conservation shall:

(1) Review all laws of this state relating to coal surface mining, including but not limited to the Tennessee Coal Surface Mining Law of 1980, compiled in title 59, chapter 8, part 3, and the Coal Surface Mining Act of 1987, compiled in title 59, chapter 8, part 4;

(2) Compose and present legislation to the agriculture and natural resources committee of the house of representatives and the energy, agriculture and natural resources committee of the senate, that enables this state to regulate coal surface mining operations pursuant to the federal Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act, P.L. 95-87, as amended; and

(3) Apply for any federal grants or other funding opportunities available to this state to aid in funding the regulation of coal surface mining operations by this state pursuant to the federal Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act, P.L. 95-87, as amended.

SECTION 2. The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules shall be promulgated in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.